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SOUTHERN TIER MAN WILL PAY \$260,568.00 TO RESOLVE FALSE SOCIAL SECURITY CLAIM

BUFFALO, NY - United States Attorney Terrance P. Flynn, Western District of New York, announced today the False Claims Act settlement between the United States and Everett Wilson of Falconer, NY. Mr. Wilson entered into a Consent Judgment with the United States in the amount of \$260,568.00. The resolution of this case resulted in treble damages payable to the Social Security Administration.

The government investigation determined that between 1993 and August 2006, Mr. Wilson fraudulently collected \$86,856.00 of Supplemental Security Income payments from the Social Security Administration while collecting duplicate Supplemental Security Income payments through the use of another Social Security Number. Mr. Wilson concealed his receipt of duplicate payments from the Social Security Administration.

Mr. Flynn stated "the recovery in this case demonstrates the False Claims Act works and is an effective tool in the government's continuing efforts to combat fraud, waste and abuse on behalf of United States' taxpayers".

This investigation was conducted by the Social Security Administration, Office of Inspector General under the direction of Resident Agent in Charge Stephen J. Petro.